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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media wishing to attend the promotion ceremony is welcome to do so on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016, and must arrive no later than 9:30 a.m., to allow for parking and coordination.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, by 4 p.m., with the 36th Infantry Division Public Affairs Office at 512-782-5989 or email: michael.w.leslie.mil@mail.mil.

Camp Mabry is accessed at the Maintenance Drive gate from 35th Street. Media will be required to show credentials at the gate.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

36th Infantry Division Deputy Commanding General of Support promotes to the rank of Brigadier General

AUSTIN, Texas (Nov. 29, 2016) – The 36th Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Lester Simpson, is pleased to announce the promotion of Col. Charles Aris, 36th Infantry Division Deputy Commanding General of Support, to the rank of brigadier general.

A promotion ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Camp Mabry, in Austin. There will also be a post ceremony reception in the Texas Military Forces Museum immediately following.

Aris was commissioned as an Army Armor officer in 1988, following graduation as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Texas A&M University ROTC program where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He joined the Texas Army National Guard in 1993 where he has served in many commanding roles.

In his most recent assignments, Aris served as the acting 36th Infantry Division Deputy Commanding General of Maneuver, Division Chief of Staff, 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Commander and 72nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Commander.

Aris' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Kosovo Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (with two service stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

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In addition to the bachelor's degree, Aris holds a Master of Science from the Army War College and a Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law. He is currently a partner at a Civil Litigation firm in Dallas.

For more information about the 36th Infantry Division visit the Texas Military Department's website at <https://tmd.texas.gov/36th-infantry-division>. To see what the 36th Infantry Division is doing on Facebook visit <https://www.facebook.com/36inf/>.

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